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the available load (see load, available in 14 CFR part 241 Section 03) or total available capacity for passengers, mail and freight applicable to the aircraft with which each flight stage is performed.

(13) Available seats (Code 310). The number of seats available for sale. This figure reflects the actual number of seats available, excluding those blocked for safety or operational reasons. Report the total available seats in item 310.

[53 FR 46294, Nov. 16, 1988 and 53 FR 52404, Dec. 28, 1988, as amended at 54 FR 7183, Feb. 17, 1989; 60 FR 66722, Dec. 26, 1995; 62 FR 6718, Feb. 13, 1997]

§217.6 Extension of filing time.

(a) If circumstances prevent the filing of a Schedule T-100(f) report on or before the due date prescribed in section 22 of part 241 of this chapter and the Appendix to §217.10 of this part, a request for an extension must be filed with the Director, Office of Airline Information.

(b) The extension request must be received at the address provided in §217.10 at least 3 days in advance of the due date, and must set forth reasons to justify granting an extension, and the date when the report can be filed. If a request is denied, the air carrier must submit the required report within 5 days of its receipt of the denial of extension.

[53 FR 46294, Nov. 16, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 66722, Dec. 26, 1995]

§217.7 Certification.

The certification for BTS Form 41 Schedule T-100(f) shall be signed by an officer of the air carrier with the requisite authority over the collection of data and preparation of reports to ensure the validity and accuracy of the reported data.

[53 FR 46294, Nov. 16, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 66722, Dec. 26, 1995]

§217.8 Reporting procedures.

Reporting guidelines and procedures for Schedule T-100(f) are prescribed in the Appendix to §217.10 of this part.

§217.9 Waivers from reporting requirements.

(a) A waiver from any reporting requirement contained in Schedule T-100(f) may be granted by the Department upon its own initiative, or upon the submission of a written request of the air carrier to the Director, Office of Airline Information, when such a waiver is in the public interest.

(b) Each request for waiver must demonstrate that: Existing peculiarities or unusual circumstances warrant a departure from the prescribed procedure or technique; a specifically defined alternative procedure or technique will result in substantially equivalent or more accurate portrayal of the operations reported; and the application of such alternative procedure will not adversely affect the uniformity in reporting applicable to all air carriers.

[53 FR 46294, Nov. 16, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 66722, Dec. 26, 1995]

§217.10 Instructions.

(a) Foreign air carriers shall submit Form 41 Schedule T-100(f) on either floppy discs produced on microcomputers or on other ADP media, such as magnetic tape, or hardcopy reports.

(b) The detailed instructions for preparing Schedule T-100(f) are contained in the Appendix to this section. Blank copies of Schedule T-100(f) are available from the Office of Airline Information, K-25, Room 4125, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590.

APPENDIX TO SECTION 217.10 OF 14 CFR PART 217—INSTRUCTIONS TO FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS FOR REPORTING TRAF-FIC DATA ON FORM 41 SCHEDULE T-100(F)

(a) General instructions.

(1) Description. Form 41 Schedule T-100(f) provides flight stage data covering both passenger/cargo and all cargo operations in scheduled and nonscheduled services. The schedule is used to report all flights which serve points in the United States or its territories as defined in this part.

(2) Applicability. Each foreign air carrier holding a 402 permit, or exemption authority, and operating aircraft with seating configurations of more than sixty seats and/or